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[Despatch Abstract.]

Water Supply and Drainage schemes - Retrenchment and Reorganization
Committee - Raising of loans and extending period of repayment of
loans of local bodies - Papers Recorded.

Finance (Reorganisations) Department

U.O. Note. No. 2044/48 Re.1 dated 12-1-1948.

Retrenchment and Reorganisation - Recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee.

Copy of the recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee dated 9-1-1948 relating to Technical education Water Supply, Medical and Public Health Departments is communicated to Education and Public Health Department for necessary action. That Department may be requested to communicate to this (Retrenchment and Reorganisation) Department the final orders of Government on the recommendations of the Committee. They may also be requested to work out the financial effect of the recommendations of the Committee and of the final orders of the Government and to intimate the same to this department for incorporation in the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee's Report.

2. Copies of the Sub-Committee reports are furnished for information.

C.O. Coorey,
Secretary, R.R. Committee

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Water Supply: The Committee considered that the provision of protected water supply in villages and urban areas was the first requisite of public health and it should be given priority over every other scheme before Government. If the funds at the disposal of the Government are not sufficient to provide for the proposals on hand at any time, the Government will be justified in raising a loan for the proposals ~~on hand at any time~~ ~~the Government~~ financing these proposals and spread repayment over a long term of years, providing a sinking fund in the meanwhile. In case the portion to be contributed by local bodies is large and according to the present arrangements, their resources are not sufficient, the repayment of the loans to be given to them may be spread over a longer period.

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Please see the U.O. note of the Finance (Reorganisation) Department above.

The water-supply and drainage committee have, in their report, suggested that the entire responsibility for providing water-supply and drainage schemes to all the people of the province irrespective of their ability to pay should be taken up by the Government and that the local bodies should be divested of responsibility in the matter. They have further suggested that Government may levy water and drainage taxes in the area of the local bodies according to the capacity of each locality to bear the burden and that the receipts from the taxes and other revenues should be posted into a separate fund called the "Provincial Water and Drainage Fund". As this fund by itself may not be sufficient to carry out all water supply and drainage schemes, they have suggested that Government should augment the fund by adding to the fund some amount annually from Provincial revenues and also by resorting to loans, for the purpose, if necessary. The report of the committee has been released to the press and the public and suggestions have been invited fixing 31-1-1948, as the last date for their receipt. The report will be taken up for examinations after that date.

If the recommendations of the Committee are accepted, there will be no need to sanction loans to local bodies for execution of water supply and drainage schemes. It is however submitted that

the question of extending the period of repayment of loans required by local bodies for water supply and drainage schemes to forty years, is also under separate consideration already. The file on the subject is now in Local Administration.

We shall take up this recommendation along with the examination of the Water Supply and drainage Report in March.

Orders that will be passed on the points referred to above will be communicated to Finance (Reorganisation) Department in due course. That Department may be informed accordingly.

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The report has yet to be taken up for examination. This may lieover till 20-3-1948.

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14.3.1948.

May continue to lieover till 15-4-1948.

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22.3.48.

The report of the Water supply and drainage committee is being taken up for examination. ~~This~~ This may continue to lieover till 5-5-1948.

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16-4-48.

The file on the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes of local bodies from the Provincial Funds, as recommended by the Committee, has been submitted separately. This may therefore lie over till final orders are passed in that file; or till 15-6-1948 whichever is earlier.

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6-5-1948.

The file referred to above was sent to Local Administration/Public Works Department/ Finance on 20-5-1948. This may lie over till 15-7-1948.

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16-6-1948.

The file referred to above has since been received and it is being submitted separately. This may lieover till 15-8-1948 or till a decision is finally reached on the file whichever is earlier. (It may be noted that there is already another file, pending in Local Administration, regarding the question of extending the currency of loans to local bodies to 40 years).

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16-7-1948.

A final decision has not yet been reached in the file regarding the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes. This may continue to lieover till 17-9-1948.

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17-8-1948.

A final decision has not yet been reached in the file regarding the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes. This may continue to lie over till 20-10-1948.

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20-9-1948.

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Please see the lieover orders on page 4 ante.
A final decision has not yet been taken on the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes. This may continue to lie over till 25-11-1948.

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21.10.48.

A final decision has not yet been taken on the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes. This may continue to lie over till 5-1-1949.

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26-11-1948.

A final decision has not yet been taken on the question of financing water supply and drainage schemes. This may continue to lie over till 15-2-1949.

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A final decision has not yet been taken on the question mentioned above. This may continue to lie over till 16-3-1949.

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16-2-1949.

Please see the notes on pages 1-3 above. The report of the water supply and drainage Committee was considered by the Cabinet at the meeting held on 12-2-1949. A copy of the decisions assured at the Cabinet is at (S).

The Cabinet has rejected the suggestion of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee that loans might be raised to meet the expenditure on grants to local bodies for executions of water supply and drainage schemes. As regards the suggestion that the repayment of loans given to local bodies for execution of their water supply and drainage schemes may be spread over a longer period, the Cabinet has decided that the period of repayment of loans in these cases may be increased to forty years in cases where the local bodies concerned ask for the concession. These decisions do not involve any extra expenditure to Government.

No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be recorded after perusal by Finance.

Should we not
announced the
decision to
local bodies.

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18-3-1949.

With reference to the remarks of Assistant Secretary above, it is submitted that this file started with reference to the suggestions of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee mentioned at page 1 ante. The question of announcing the policy of Government with reference to the decision of the Cabinet on the recommendations of the Water supply and drainage Committee is under separate consideration. No separate action in this regard is necessary in this file.

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May be perused and returned to Education and Public Health.

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The papers may now be recorded..

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26-3-1949.

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